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Data on tsunmami recovery needs in four Asian countries

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GENEVA, May 23 (AFP) - The UN Development Programme (**UNDP**) released data Monday on the scale of destruction that needs to be dealt with in four of the most severely affected countries receiving international recovery aid. Here are highlights:

INDONESIA

The province of Aceh suffered 4.5 billion dollars in damage, equivalent to 97 percent of the entire Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the province.

Some 78 percent of that damage affects private livelihoods - trade, farming, fisheries and 1.3 million homes that were destroyed

Loss of public infrastructure -- mainly roads and government buildings swept away when the tsunami hit the exposed coastline -- accounted for 22 percent of that amount.

Some 532,898 people are affected by the disaster.

SRI LANKA

The island suffered an estimated one billion dollars in direct losses, while reconstruction costs are pegged at 1.5 billion dollars. The latter amount is equivalent to seven percent of Sri Lanka's GDP.

About 450 million of the damages involve "social sectors" such as housing, and nearly 300 million for the tourism industry.

One hundred thousand homes have been destroyed.

Some 516,150 people are affected by the disaster, and most of them are displaced.

MALDIVES

The estimate of total damage has reached 470 million dollars, equivalent to 62 percent of the country's GDP.

Most of the losses involved housing and tourism, while education, fishing and transport were also heavily affected.

Tourism was the hardest hit with estimated losses of 100 million, although about half of that is covered by insurance.

Some 29,000 people are affected by the disaster.

THAILAND

Some 12.2 million dollars is needed by UN agencies to support the Thai government's disaster response and rehabilitation operations over six months. No total cost of the damage there was given.

About 120,000 people lost their jobs in the tourism sector.

Five hundred fishing villages along the Andaman coast where people depend on the sea for their livelihoods were seriously affected and an estimated 7,500 fishing boats were destroyed.

Some 92,000 people are affected by the disaster.

The data was compiled from figures given by national authorities, the Asian Development Bank, the World Bank, UN agencies and the Japan Bank for International Cooperation.

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